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THE RIHLUNG FORT

Russians Dislodged and the Japanese Occupied It on the Night of December 28.

MOST OF THE DEFENDERS KILLED.

It Formed Part of the Inner Circle of Chain of Forts Defending Port Arthur.

Intense Hatred Exists Between Some of Opposing Forces in Trenches Close Together in the Vicinity of Mukden.

Tokio, Dec. 30 .- The headquarters of the army besieging Port Arthur telegraphs that on the night of December 28, after the occupation of Rihlung fort, a small body of Russians still offered resistance in the passage between the siege gun line and the

At 3 o'clock in the morning they were dislodged entirely and the occupation of the fort became secure.

According to the statement of three prisoners the defenders of Fort Riblung numbered about 500 beside some sailors. A majority of the defenders were killed.

The trophies captured with Fort Rihlung include four large caliber guns, seven small caliber guns, 37 milimeter guns, two machine guns and much property as yet unenumerated.

Location of the Fort. Rihlung fort, situated on Rihlung mountain, formed part of the inner circle of the chain of forts defending Port Arthur. Rihlung is situated about two miles from the outskirts of the town of Port Arthur, from which it bears due northeast. The fort just captured is a mile and a half southeast of Keekwan fort, recently captured by the Japanese. The possession of these two forts should make a most important breach in the fortifications of Port Arthur and cut off communication between the Golden Hill forts and the forts of the western section of the inner circle of fortifi-

Now Cut in Three Pieces.

Outside of the capture of 203-Meter hill on the western section of forts, little is known of the exact positions occupied by the Japanese, but it would seem from the material available that the inner circle of forts is now cut in three pieces and that 203-Meter hill prohibits communication with the Liaotie section forts just as possession of Rihlung and Keekwan forts cuts off communications with the Golden Hill forts, except by the many underground ways which are said to exist in various parts of the fortress. From Rihlung mountain, which is nearly opposite 203-Meter hill, it would appear that the Japanese fire will be able to reach anything in the harbor and town which the Japanese heavy guns on 203-Meter hill are unable to hit, thus making it apparently impossible for the Russian second Pacific squadron to make any use of Port Arthur even should the Japanese content themselves with holding the strong positions they now occupy.

A Noted Scout Killed.

Mukden, Dec. 30 .- Cossacks Thursday brought in the body of Capt. Erldaroff, a noted scout, who was killed in an attack on the village of Tifanty.

Intense hatred exists between some of the opposing forces in trenches close together notwithstanding the friendly terms existing at other parts on the fronts of the two armies. The Japanese try to heat their shelters at advance positions with charcoal fires concealed in small braziers, so as to show no light. One of these recently was broken and the fire exposed the position of the Japanese picket. The whole party were immediately wiped out by a furious Russians fire.

NEW BATTLESHIPS.

Preparing Designs For the Most Powerful Ones in Existence.

London, Dec. 30 .- According to the Daily Mail the admiralty is preparing designs for new battleships of 17,000 to 18,000 tons and carrying ten 12inch guns. It has not been decided whether the keels will be laid down in 1905. These battleships will be the most powerful in existence, as the biggest in the American navy carry four 12-inch guns and ten 10-inch

Covington, Ky., Dec. 30.-George Smith, 16, loaded an old musket and started out to hunt rabbits Thursday. He spied a cottontail and fired. The "kick" of the gun dislocated his shoulder and the bunny made his escape.

Brandenburg, Ky., Dec. 30.-Editor David M. Duncan announces in his paper, the Messenger, that he is a candidate for the democratic nomination for representative from Meade

BELL COUNTY COAL LANDS.

Company.

important conference was held in this city Thursday between local and eastern Kentucky capitalists, with a view to forming a stock company to develop the coal fields of Bell county and the erection of a mammoth coal elevator in this city for handling the output of the mines when opened. The company was organized and C. K. Oldham, of this city, elected president. Its capitalization is fixed at \$50,000, divided into 500 shares at \$100 each. Associated with President Oldham are State Treasurer Henry M. Bosworth, John C. Fitzpatrick and Judge J. F. Bosworth, both of Middlesboro: Attorney C. J. Bronston, Judge F. A. Bullock and Bosworth Bros., of this city; Maj. H. E. Helburn, of Pineville, and J. W. Keyer, of West Liberty. The location of the new mines will be on Clear creek, in Bell county. A special committee of the stockholders of the company has been appointed to confer with President Milton H. Smith, of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., with a view to obtaining the construction of a branch of that road into the new coal fields.

THE RICHWOOD MYSTERY.

The Death of Jacob Ketz Is Still Unsolved.

Covington, Ky., Dec. 30 .- The mystery surrounding the death of Jacob Kelz seems to deepen. A search of the scene Thursday revealed nothing tangible that would lead to dispelling either the theory of murder or sui-

There was no indication of a struggle having taken place and no trace of the weapon that caused his death can be found.

Members of the family are heartbroken over his death, and will venture no expression that might aid in clearing the mystery.

The watch and chain found in the vest, a small amount of change and two lottery tickets found in his pock- eastern would have met a horrible fate. ets are held by Coroner Murat, of When morning dawned the wreck was Boone county.

A DAY OF INACTIVITY.

The Evidence in the Marcum Case of a Fragmentary Character.

Winchester, Ky., Dec. 30 .- Thursday was another day of inactivity in the Marcum case and the evidence was all of a fragmentary character. The defense is evidently nearing the completion of its testimony and the whole matter will probably be closed up next week, most of the evidence is of a nature attacking the veracity of witnesses for the plaintiffs and show that some of the facts testified to are physically impossible.

Sheriff McInerny's Quietus.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 30 .- Sheriff M. D. McInerny, of Kenton county, settled in full with the state auditor for the state taxes from Kenton county and received his quietus. When the accounts were made up it was found that the state owed McInerny about \$1,300, which amount he carried home with him.

Judge Cantrill's Successor.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 30.-Gov. Beckham appointed Hon. Robert L. Stout, of Woodford county, to the circuit judgeship of the 14th judicial district, to succeed Judge James E. Cantrill. Judge Stout will preside at the next trial of Caleb Powers.

Big Sale of Burley Tobacco.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., Dec. 30 .- The best | feet beam and 26.5 depth. sale of new crop of tobacco made in this county in years was made when R. C. Gatewood sold to J. N. Hisle, for Continental, about 20,000 pounds at 131/2 cents. Hisle also bought 10,000 pounds at 10 cents.

Kentucky Distillers Sued.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 30.-Auditor's Agent A. M. Harrison, of Lexington, filed in the Franklin county court information against several distillers for taxation of omitted valuation of holdings as warehousemen for five years

Paralysis Caused Death.

Covington, Ky., Dec. 30.-John Howard, venerable father of Attorney Ulia J. Howard, died suddenly Thursday morning at his late home in Ghent, Carroll county, Ky., of paralysis. Deceased was a prosperous business

Curtis Jones Missing.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 80 .- Curtis Jones, a member of the state geological survey, is missing from his home in this city, and it is believed by his friends that he has met with foul play, as he carried considerable money.

Campbell Held to Answer.

Jackson, Ky., Dec. 30 .- The examining trial of Francis Campbell resulted in Campbell being held under a bond of \$3,000 to answer to the grand jury to the charge of killing Henry Fugat-

They Are to Be Developed By a New VESSEL WRECKED.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 30.—Quite an After Desperate Efforts the Captain and Crew of 21 Men Were Rescued.

STEAMER WILL BE A TOTAL LOSS.

The Mariners Were Imprisoned For 36 Hours Before Being Taken Off by Life Savers.

The Ocean Steamship Was Built of Steel in Chicago in 1901 and Is Owned By C. Counselman, of Cincinnati.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30.-After being Imprisoned on the wrecked oil steamer Northeastern, nine miles off Cape Hatteras for 36 hours, Capt. Wilder and his crew of 21 men were taken ashore at noon Thursday by the crews of Kinnakeet, Creeds Hill and Hatteras life saving stations.

The big steamer is pounding Diamond Shoals under a terrific sea and the crew say will be a total loss. In a bewildering fog Tuesday night the Northeastern, on her way up the coast from Port Arthur, Tex., to New York, with a cargo of crude petroleum, shoved her prow into the deadly sands off Hatteras and was fast in the clutches of the grave yard of shipping before her crew realized what had happened. This was at 11 o'clock and before day had come the gale that swept over the country from the middle west had struck the sea and waves were crashing over the helpless vessel incessantly.

Thrown on Her Port Beam.

The force of the wind and tide threw her on her port beam and the flood of water extinguished her fires before her inflammable cargo could become ignited. Had this not been the case, the 22 men aboard the Northsighted by the life savers. She was nine miles off shore and the water between was a seething mass of mountainous waves so that the life guards had to stand by and watch the big ship being pounded by the waves as helpless to aid those on board as the crew was to aid itself.

Wednesday night preparations were begun to make desperate efforts in the morning to reach the ship. The crews of Creeds Hill and Kinnakeek life savers were summoned and Thursday morning at sunup the life savers began their attempts to get a surfboat through the heavy seas.

Lifeboats Hurled Back on the Beach. Again and again the staunch lifeboats were sent head-on into the sea only to be hurled back on the beach. After a three-hour struggle, at 9 o'clock three lifeboats were safely across the breakers and battling with the outside seas on their way to the steamer. When the surfmen reached the wreck they were confronted with a problem of great danger and difficulty. The sea, while it had subsided to some extent, was still in angry mood and the little lifeboats were be ing tossed like cockleshells about the helpless mass of steel. Lines were finally strung between the boats and the Northeastern and after much trouble every man was taken from the vessel in safety.

The Northeastern is an ocean steamship built of steel in Chicago in 1901, and is owned by C. Counselman, of Cincinnati. She is 256 feet long, 42.02

BUFFETED BY HEAVY SEAS.

Steamer Drumelzier a Total Wreck-Captain and Crew Rescued.

New York, Dec. 30 .- With her signals of distress and her half-masted ensign still flying the steamer Drumelzier was abandoned haursday night as a total wreck by her captain and a dozen officers and crew who were taken off the craft and landed on Oak Island by the crew of the Fire Island and Oak Island life saving stations. Early in the day 18 men of the crew were taken off the stranded steamer by the surfboat of the Sandy Hook station which was towed down to the scene. The men were brought to this city later on a tug.

At 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon the captain decided that it was unwise to remain longer on the ship, which was being terribly buffeted by the heavy seas, and asked immediate rescue. The crews of the nearby stations responded to his signals and after a hard struggle the men were taken off and landed at Oak Island. The rescue of the men on the Drumelzier was hazardous in the extreme and was attended by many thrilling incidents,

A California physician has proved that the process of digestion is electrical. But perhaps the man experimented on was full of currents.

DIED FROM BROKEN NECK.

Two Young Women Who Met Tragic Deaths in New York Identified.

New York, Dec. 30 .- The two young women who met tragic deaths in the city in a manner strikingly similar were itdentified Thursday. The girl who was found unconscious in Riverside drive and who died without regaining consciousness, was recognized FULLY ONE HUNDRED SHOTS FIRED Thursday night by John F. Mangan as his sister, Mary Mangan, who had been employed here as a domestic. As a Result Three Prisoners Are Dead She left home Christmas morning to attend church, and her family was unable to trace her whereabouts until the brother identified the body in the morgue as that of his sister.

The other woman, who was discovered dead in a Delancy street basement, was recognized as Mrs. Cecilia Butler, the widow of a railroad employe, who died two weeks ago.

The identification does not, however, clear up the mysteries attending the deaths of the women, both of whom dled as the result of broken necks. The theory of murder is being in a critical condition from bullet investigated by the police.

THE BAIL QUESTION.

It Is Reliably Stated That Mrs. Chadwick Will Be Released.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 30 .- It was reliably stated Thursday night that Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will be released on ball within a few days. At least an effort will be made in that direction. Mrs. Chadwick herself has expressed her desire to terminate her residence in the county's bastile, and according to her attorney, Jay P. Dawley, on Wednesday, she alone has the deciding vote in the bail question.

"Bail can be given in ample quantity," declared Dawley. "We have it. It is assured if she wants it. The minute she wants to she will be released on bail. Does she want to? do not know. But it is up to her."

And Mrs. Chadwick has cast her vote for the affirmative. She is reported to have said Thursday night that her original reasons for refusing bail no longer exist, and that she is now ready to avail herself of the proffered offer.

THE CHANNEL BLOCKED."

Four Coal Boats Containing 100,000 Bushels of Coal Sunk.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.-The channel of the Ohio river was completely blocked and all coal shipments stopped after 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon by an accident to the tow of the Crescent, of the People's Coal Co., which sank the open than the seven guards comfour coal boats containing 100,000 bushels of coal at Merriman. The wreckage is being dynamited and shipments will be resumed Friday.

A total of 1,785,000 bushels of coal were sent out of the harbor Thursday and with the exception of about 175 .-000 bushels belonging to the Crescent's tow, all this fuel is now well under way for the southern markets. Friday the Sprague and the Jim Wood will leave with about 1,000,000 bushels while the shipments of the independent companies is expected to raise the day's shipments to 1,500,000 bushels.

DOMESTIC TRAGEDY.

Killed Mother-in-Law, Attempted to Kill Wife and Shot Himself.

Thomasvine, Ga., Dec. 30 .- After killing his mother-in-law, Mrs. Wm. H. Parish, making a desperate attempt to kill his 18-year-old wife, and shooting himself twice with a Winchester rifle here, J. B. Barrow is lying in the city hospital in a precarious condition, closely guarded by officers. Barrow is 38 years old and had been married but two years. Domestic infelicity is given as the cause of the tragedy.

THE MARKETS.

Flour and Grain.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29 .- Flour-Winter patent, \$5.50@5.75; fancy, \$5.15@5.85; family, \$4.25@4.60; extra, \$3.75@4; low grade, \$3.20@3.50; spring patent, \$6.10@6.25; fancy, \$5@5.25; family, \$4.70@4.90; Northwestern rye, \$4.15@ 4.25. Wheat-No. 2 red quotable at \$1.20@1.21 on track. Corn-Sales: No. 3 mixed, track, 46c; rejected mixed (damp and dirty), track, 48c. Oats -No. 2 mixed quotable at 331/2c on

Chicago, Dec. 29.-Wheat-No. 2 red. \$1.17½; No. 3 do, \$1.12@1.14; No. 2 hard, \$1.12%@1.141/2; No. 3 do, \$1.05 @1.121/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.171/2@ 1.20; No. 2 do, \$1.10@1.15; No. 3 spring, \$1.01@1.15.

Live Stock.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.-Cattle-Heavy steers, choice, \$5.10@5.25; fair to good, \$4.35@5; butcher steers, extra, \$4.85 @5; good to choice, \$4@4.75; heifers. extra, \$4.15@4.25; good to choice, \$3.35 @4.15; cows, extra, \$3.35@3.50; good to choice, \$2.75@3.25. Calves.-Fair to good light, \$6.25@7.25; extra, \$7.50. Hogs-Good to choice packers and butchers, \$4.80@4.85;

A PRISON REVOLT.

Desperate Battle Between Seven Convicts and Penitentiary Officials at Folsom, Cal.

and Three More Are in a Critical Condition.

Capt. R. J. Murphy, a Prison Official, Was Wounded By a Shot in the Leg, and Received Two Slight Wounds From a Knife.

Folsom, Cal., Dec. 30 .- Seven of nine onvicts at the state prison made a break for liberty Thursday and as a result three are dead and three are wounds.

Capt. R. J. Murphy, a prison official, was wounded by a shot in the leg and received two slight knife wounds.

The convicts who engaged in the break were all employed in the rock crusher, where 325 of the most desperate prisoners were at work. Capt. Murphy was acting as general overseer about the rock crusher, and four other prison attaches, I. Daly, A. Hogan, Charles L. Taylor and Charles Jolly were employed as "pushers" to keep the men at work. A large sledge hammer was thrown into the crusher. causing the ponderous machine to come to a standstill. This attracted Capt. Murphy, Charles Jolly and Taylor to the place immediately,

Attempted to Seize the Guards.

Thereupon the desperate convicts rushed to seize Murphy, Jolly and Taylor. They succeeded in catching the two first named. The others endeavored to take the other free man, who escaped them. During this time the scene of trouble was under cover and the guards on the outside could not see the struggling men, although they soon had an intimation that something was wrong. The convicts, with their captives, made their way towards a small post commanded by Guard W. H. Harris, who was armed with a rifle. Five of the gang surrounded Capt. Murphy and two of them had Jolly. The convicts had knives in position for immediate execution should the guards attempt to free themselves.

Guards Commenced Firing.

They had no sooner stepped into menced firing, and within 20 seconds fully 100 shots had been fired and seven convicts were on the ground

At the time the first shot was fired Warden Yell was in his office. He rushed to the bluff overlooking the prison and thence down near the scene. He signalled the guards to continue shooting and put his revolver into operation also, at the same time giving orders to the remaining convicts who were crouching behind rocks and in other safe places to line up and march in. This they did in quick order. The appearance of the warden in the midst of the fighting gave the guards encouragement to carry out his orders. During all the trouble only one Gatling gun was brought into play and that only to frighten the participants.

A NEGRO LYNCHED.

Was Strung Up to a Tree and His Body Riddled With Bullets.

Neal, Ga., Dec. 20.-Herbert Simmons, a Negro, was lynched here for the killing of J. A. Park, a white man. The Negro was taken from the officers by infuriated citizens while being carried to the Zebulom jail and after being strung up on a tree his body was riddled with bullets. Mr. Park was murdered on the night of December 27, his skull being crushed in with a large stick. The coroner's verdict was that he came to his death at the hands of Herbert Simmons.

The Peru-Brazil Trouble.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 30 .- President Pardo received in public audience the new minister from Brazil. The speeches delivered by the president and minister indicate that the pending difficulties between the two countries will soon be amicably settled.

Senator Depew to Succeed Himself. New York, Dec. 30 .- Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, will succeed himself for a term of six years as United States senator from the state of New York, continuing as the colleague of Senior Senator Thomas C. Platt, who has four years to serve.

Wife Arrested on Suspicion.

San Francisco, Dec. 30 .- Bruce Metcalf, a photographer, was shot and killed Thursday in a room which he was occupying with his wife, Mrs. Metcalf was arrested on suspicion of having murdered her husband.